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New Expression

A magazine by Chicago teens for Chicago teens.

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THE INSIDE TRACK

by Adorn Lewis
and Kathi Isserman

More \$s for college only when . . .

Last March we reported on the college tuition-help bills which were being introduced in Congress. At that time, Congress hadn't made any decisions on any of the six proposed bills, but now they have cut the running down to two.

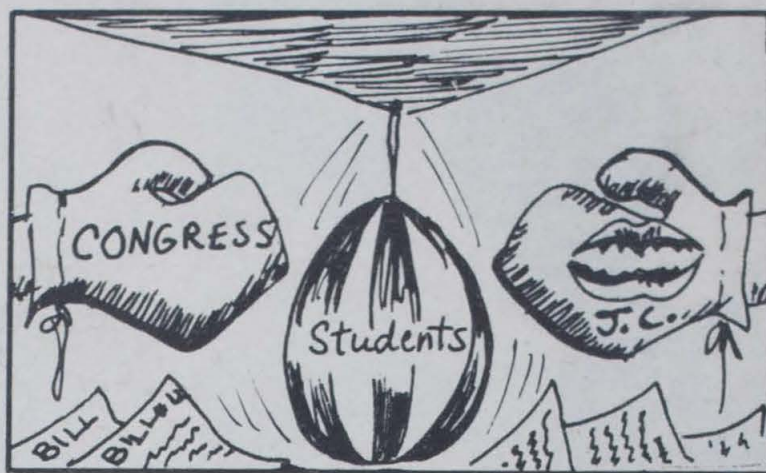
Congress passed two plans in August. One helps students with family incomes over \$16,000 by providing a \$100 income tax credit to the family this year. The credit would jump to \$250 by 1980.

Although this plan would help the parents who are financing their children through college, it does nothing for the college students who are forced to go through college the "best way they can."

For students who have taken the plunge towards a

more liberated life, either by choice or because of family finances, President Carter's plan provides direct grants to college students regardless of family income status. The Senate passed his tuition bill Aug. 16. Carter's bill will allow a student from a typical four-member family, earning as much as \$25,000, to qualify for a tuition grant of about \$250 a year. The grant could go as high as \$1800 depending on family size and income.

Two bills are passed. Lots of help for college students! What's the catch? Carter will not sign both of them—the budget can't handle both. Carter likes his. Congress likes tax credits. Tune into your daily papers for the next episode.



Parents pay for curfew

Chicago policeman have become forceful this summer when dealing with the city's teen curfew offenders. Only this time it's the parents who are getting the "raw" deal also.

Since the beginning of June, police have apprehended more than 900 juvenile curfew offenders.

Under the law, youths under 17 have to be off the streets at 10:30 pm; Sunday through Thursday. The curfew is extended until 11:30 pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

For those who have experienced the hassle before, it's different now. Police are required to take the youth offender into the station where the parents are contacted and advised to come to pick up their child.

Along with inconvenience many sleepy-eyed parents can also be fined \$5 to \$100 for each offense.

Youths who have committed three or more repeated offenses will have to appear in juvenile court along with their parents for a talk about the "birds and the bees" of night life.



A silent generation

Most 18 to 21 year-olds do not vote. We all know that. Even if we didn't know that, another survey (this time **Congressional Quarterly**) has just proven that fact.

In July, the **Chicago Sun-Times** and **Tribune** both expressed their opinions on youth voters (or non-voters). The **Sun-Times** believes that political parties should make young people want to vote.

The **Tribune** believes that when young people start paying taxes for property, education and public safety, then we'll start voting without any pressure. We'll start "caring" about our society. Until we start "caring," the **Tribune** doesn't want young people to vote because we'd probably be voting for the wrong reasons, and we wouldn't make intelligent choices.

For all you "non-voters" out there, if you're 18 by Nov. 7, you can vote in the November election. You must register by Oct. 4, and you can call 269-7900 for registration sites near you. If you will be out of town or away at school, you can write to the Chicago Board of Elections, 121 N. LaSalle, to request an absentee ballot.

We were wondering what wrong reasons the **Tribune** thought we'd be voting for.

Scholastic visits NE

Senior Scholastic magazine will publish an article about **New Expression** with photos in their national high school magazine this fall. A freelance photo-journalist spent three days observing the "inner workings" of **New Expression** last April.

If your school receives **Senior Scholastic**, look for the article in a fall issue.



Why not join the New Expression staff?

(see page six for details)

No more drinking in city parks

In Chicago 19 and 20 year-olds can still drink in taverns, but they can't carry out liquor anymore.

The reason for this new city ordinance, according to the aldermen, is that too many underage teens are getting liquor from their "older" friends.

The aldermen also claim that the lowered drinking age has caused more vandalism and public

drunkenness in the parks and school yards. Teen driving accidents have increased by 33 per cent since the drinking age was lowered, and so the aldermen conclude that this is due to drunk teen drivers.

We were wondering what would stop teens from going to suburbs bordering the city to buy liquor for their "underaged" friends.

We called some suburban police stations, and we found: In Blue Island, Skokie and Forest Park the drinking age is 19 for carry-out sales, Evanston is dry and Oak Park's drinking age is 19, but Oak Park doesn't allow any carryout.

So now teens will have to drive farther to vandalize the parks—if they happen to make it that far without getting into an accident.

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This photo was shot by James Dodson at the Oak St. beach just as summer vacation was ending.

Time to go back to school.

Debra Bronson and Rodney Franklin have only memories of Chicago Fest and a very crowded Navy Pier, hearing the Rolling Stones in 90 degree heat and "jammin'" with "Bootsy" at the Funk Festival.



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Will the state decide...

Who's smart enough to graduate?

by Deborah Padgett
and Rhonda Hannah

Just when you thought 18 credits alone is sufficient to graduate from high school, the State comes up with a surprise requirement—the Minimum Competency test.

The Illinois Legislature passed a bill last spring allowing Minimum Competency tests to exist in Illinois on an experimental basis until 1980. Based on the experiment, the Illinois Legislature will decide whether or not to require the test in all Illinois high schools after 1980.

A spokesman for Lyons Township High Schools in La-Grange said that their high schools do have competency tests, but each student does not have to take the same test.

According to the Board of Education of Niles Township in Skokie their high schools will not require the test in the near future.

But, in Chicago, the public schools have already been experimenting for two years with the competency test. The test was designed over a 12-month span by the Board's Department of Research and Evaluation to determine how well a student can cope in the outside world.

The test deals with such basic things as reading a TV guide, using a telephone book and knowing the right number to dial in case of an emergency.

A ninth grade student at Percy L. Julian described the test as, "Easy, because I knew everything on the test already. It was just a waste of class time." He went on to say that he never received his test scores.

Lori Hendricks took the test in her freshmen year at Dunbar High School. She said that she didn't know if she passed or failed because she never received a test score. She said the test was "insignificant," and that some of the questions didn't have anything to do with what she had been taught in her high school classes.

Manford Byrd Jr., Deputy Superintendent for Pupil Services, said that students are not taught about the test before taking it because, "A great number of students who take the test, pass it." He said that right now the classes students are taking should be sufficient for a student to pass the test.

Manford Byrd also claims that the reason that the test is being given is that "Employers who hire young people coming out of high schools are claiming the graduates can't do the job. They have to spend additional money to train young employees." The Minimum Competency test, Byrd says, will reveal to the Board, students' weak areas.

Sister Mary Ellen of the Catholic School Board said that the Catholic Schools are not going to experiment with the competency test. She also stated that the State Office has not told them that a test may be required in 1980.

A Lane Tech student, who had been making very good grades, and was at the top of her freshman class said, "The directions on the test were not clear." She went on to say that her English teacher didn't explain the test well. "My teacher said that the test wasn't important and that it was very easy." The Lane Tech student was told that she had passed but she never received her test scores.

Norie of the students *New Expression* interviewed received a test score. Students were neither told that they passed nor failed.

Dave Thompson, the First Legal Assistant of the Illinois Department of Education, explained that students are not given back test scores because the test is still on an experimental basis. He said, "There is no Illinois system of testing in effect yet." So whether a student is told of his test score or not is still to be developed.

The puzzling question: If the test is experimental, why are Chicago students told that



Art by Paula Eubanks

if they don't pass the test, they won't graduate?

According to Dave Thompson, "There is no requirement in Illinois right now that says if you fail the Competency test you can't graduate. So, if you pass your required courses—English, history and math—you should graduate regardless of what you receive on the Minimum Competency test."

But Manford Byrd Jr., insists that each Chicago public school district must develop its own rules for graduation. He also said that since Chicago is in District 299 the School Board in that district has the right to make up the graduation requirements. "If youngsters are not successful with the test,

according to the present policy of the School Board, they will not receive a bonafied (acceptable) diploma. Students will be given several opportunities to take the test over again."

By this fall, *New Expression* has learned, every senior who has not passed the Minimum Competency test in public high schools will be counseled into taking a summer school course before receiving a bonafied diploma.

In the meantime the testing companies see profit for themselves in this Minimum Competency law.

ETS (Educational Testing Service), which prepares the SAT test for college entrance, is trying to sell its test to Illinois.

New Expression gave a sample ETS Competency test with 57 items to 25 teens from Chicago and suburban schools. If 68% correct answers is passing, then ten students failed, ten passed and four didn't finish because they said the math, which was on the last part of the test, was never taught in their classes and they didn't understand it.

The majority of wrong answers scored on the test were in the math area. These questions covered fractions, decimals, metrics, graph reading and interest rates.

In future issues of *New Expression* we will print sample questions from sample minimum competency tests.

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Melissa Lincoln (not her real name) lived in a Michigan Avenue condominium. She was fifteen years old, pregnant and very much afraid of what her parents would do to her. She decided not to tell them. Seven months passed before her parents finally realized that their daughter was pregnant. In those seven months Melissa didn't see a doctor for prenatal care.

Doug, her newborn baby, was born six weeks early. He stayed in the hospital for three months after birth with breathing and liver problems and had to have heart surgery.

Melissa had a kidney infection and very serious anemia. The doctors still don't know the exact cause for all of their problems because they weren't able to treat Melissa while she was pregnant.

Melissa's education in the "School of Experience" is typical of pregnant teen women. They don't learn prenatal care in high school. Often they are not mature enough or resourceful enough to seek help outside of high school.

Teens don't learn prenatal care in high school because schools don't include it in their curriculum. The exceptions to this in Chicago are four special high schools for

pregnant students that enroll young women.

In 1972 the Chicago Board of Education changed their policy regarding pregnant girls in high schools. The girls can now stay in their own district high school instead of attending a special school. However, the administrators of each district school decide whether classes can be instituted for pregnant girls.

The Catholic Archdiocese has no firm policy about pregnant teens in their high schools. The individual school's administrator decides whether a pregnant

Pregnancy is a normal state, not a disease.

girl can stay in school. At some schools the girls can stay and at others they are "persuaded" to leave until the baby is born.

Some hospitals in Chicago such as Cook County and Michael Reese offer classes on pregnancy and what to expect during labor. The classes may also deal with proper diet and parenting. Phone calls to your local hospitals are the best way to determine if classes are available.

Michael Reese provides a special program for teen

girls fifteen-years-old and under who are pregnant. To be eligible the girl need only be having her first child. The program includes medical care and classes on labor and nutrition as well as a follow-up service for a year after the child's birth.

The University of Chicago Lying-In Clinic has a special program to help young mothers deal with pregnancy and any fears they might have concerning labor. Counseling with social workers is also available. The six-week program includes classes on labor. It is geared to young women who go to Lying-In for prenatal care, but anyone can come to the classes.

Prentice Women's Hospital, a branch of Northwestern Memorial has a prenatal center for high risk mothers, and so does Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's.

Only a few of the hospitals have centers especially for teens. But a hospital's general services offer most of the elements that good prenatal care require.

Some girls do not believe that prenatal care is necessary. Others are afraid to go or lack the money to pay for prenatal care.

At fourteen-years-old, Robin Jones had her first child. Taking care of the child took up most of her time. No one would keep the baby so she couldn't go to a family planning center to obtain birth control. Then, three years later, she became pregnant again. But since she didn't have the money to pay for prenatal care, she didn't try to get any.

Robin, a diabetic, should have seen a doctor immediately. Pregnant diabetic women have special problems with their pregnancies. She didn't go to see a doctor. Her baby was born two weeks

The word from teens:

Nobody taught me about motherhood

early, overweight (8 lbs.), for a premature baby.

The baby had breathing problems. Robin had problems controlling her insulin levels and had to stay longer in the hospital. One of the nurses who assisted with the birth felt that Robin could have avoided these problems if she had known she could get free prenatal care.

Free care is available for those who want it. The Board of Health will provide prenatal care for a pregnant mother regardless of whether she can pay or not.

Not all problems from poor prenatal care show up at birth. The child may be physically healthy at birth. But years later, when the child goes to school, he may have learning disabilities.

Many teen girls may wonder, "What is good prenatal care?" First, it is receiving medical care from a doctor as soon as one suspects that she is pregnant. The doctor normally screens the patient for all types of diseases that could affect the child. She looks for problems that might arise while the young lady is pregnant. A nutrition plan should be started for the patient to make sure that she knows the right things to eat.

As Loretta Lacy of the Dept. of Health put it, "Pregnancy is a normal state, not a disease. Young mothers, especially teens need adequate health care."

(This is the first in a series of stories dealing with teen pregnancy.)

Facts Pregnant Teen Women Should Know

1. As soon as a woman thinks she is pregnant, she should see a doctor. The doctor should take tests for all types of diseases and look for problems that might develop in pregnancy such as vaginal infections or hypertension.
2. A diet plan should be established for each individual woman by a doctor to promote healthy growth of the child.
3. No medicine, unless prescribed by a doctor, should be taken, including aspirins and any illegal drugs.
4. Drinking alcohol may cause damage to the fetus.
5. Smoking cigarettes is harmful to the fetus as well as to the mother.
6. Be aware of unusual signs in pregnancy such as bleeding, blurred vision, unusual rashes, headaches, strange

vaginal discharges that are heavy or that have a strange odor. Report any of these to a doctor.

7. Do not douche. Douching washes away natural chemicals in the vagina and may make her prone to infection.

8. Exercise should be scheduled every day if possible. Walk is good exercise.

9. Rest is important; the expectant mother must guard against exhaustion.

10. She should wear supportive bras.

11. Teeth should be checked. Many elements can affect the child so it's best to be as healthy as possible.

12. Cat litter contains viruses that may be harmful to the child.

13. If a woman is in contact with someone who has the German measles, she should tell a doctor.

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School gamblers play their cards 'safe'

by Lori Hendrichs
with Andre Williams,
Steve Greer
and Edward Tharrington

It's September and a new set of gambling pawns (freshmen) are entering high school. During the first few weeks of school the leaders of gambling groups will be out recruiting pawns to play in their games. Before the pawns know it, they will be losing money.

Apparently, gambling exists in most city schools and some suburban schools. High school lunchrooms, washrooms, auditoriums and school grounds double as gambling casinos. We were told that school grounds are a safer place to play in the fall and spring months when school is in session.

Our survey indicates that washroom gambling is not only dangerous but hurried. Gambling is more time-consuming than other illegal school activities, such as smoking a cigarette or joint or even cutting classes so time and location are important if there is going to be a game for stakes. At Hyde Park last year one security officer broke up washroom games some days and joined them other days. "It depended on his mood," one observer explained.

Safer grounds for betting are found in old high school buildings such as Calumet, Simeon and Fenger where school auditoriums are used as study halls. Balconies and the back of auditoriums are an easy escape when the study teachers are taking atten-

dance in the front of the auditoriums. This provides more seclusion and the games (if spotted) can be cleaned up before a teacher can break up the game.

Newer schools such as Whitney Young and Clemente don't offer these escapes. Because of the glass corridors and bridgways it's very easy for security to spot a game going down in these schools. Even studies are open space where teachers are no more than five feet away. The safest hiding places for these students are on the outside grounds where there is still a chance of getting caught by security in unmarked patrol cars.

A Riverside-Brookfield student told us that suburban students prefer to avoid school hassles by gambling in their homes. He claims that suburban students prefer poker (a more serious game) and betting on race horses to quick games such as Black Jack, which is the most popular city game.

Because of tight security in many schools a type of facade game is played. Students play games like chess, checkers and backgammon for money but keep the stakes out of sight. Outside of school, pitching pennies is the undercover game where there are "quarter" line games being played. One gambler from Simeon said that while school officials were looking for card games to break up, heavy betting was going down on chess games.

While some game stakes are no more than five dollars,

others run up to \$200 or more. One teen gambler claims he won \$150 in one game in his freshmen year.

Of course, there is as much money lost as gained, so there are debts to be paid. Some pawns or amateurs (sophomores) and at times regular gamblers lose personal items such as record albums, concert tickets, wristwatches and radios. Chuck Mackly (not his real name) told us he lost \$75 on dice. He described fights over people cheating or bad losers. At Fenger, he would gamble in the washrooms or pitch pennies outside.

Through our contacts we found that these gamblers were often suspended on suspicion. Many gamblers told us that when they were caught in a game there wasn't a hearing process. They were written up and handed their walking papers for the next three days. A hearing process would allow the accused to bring in a witness to tell what he thought went on and possibly clear the person (gambler) of the accusation. Our sources received none; mostly they claim because they have a reputation as a gambler.

Greg, a gambler from Simeon, told us how he got started and how he finally slacked up on playing. Greg started in his freshman year and became a regular (compulsive) gambler. He says he was caught only once and was suspended for playing.

Now Greg would like to go into computer programming. He knows that if a person



Photo by Andre Williams

becomes addicted to gambling, he will not be trusted on his job. Gambling has already jeopardized his friendships. He says, "If you're into gambling enough, it can teach

you a lesson. I learned not to play where you can get caught and not to play with your close friends. Generally it isn't worth all the trouble."

You don't cut the streets; they cut you

by Johnny Vaughn

I shot craps; won a lot of money. Cracked niggers upside the head with pop bottles. I even started fights occasionally. I was a gang leader for little poohbut gangs who ran around and stuck up kids and took their money. I didn't get nothin' but education everyone should know.

Gordon Andrews, 16

This is the story of one black youth in Chicago who has spent a large part of his life in the streets. The staff of *New Expression* decided that we could best relate that life through the experiences of one teen—someone like Gordy.

Gordon allowed me to interview him for two hours at my home. He spoke very openly about the streets and how they have changed his life.

When you do it, you don't think about it. When you're poor and starving how are you gonna put yourself in the position to think about it? You go to the streets to get over. You don't think about what you need. You go to the streets; the

streets cut you. You either make it or break it.

I grew up in the projects. I was afraid to walk the streets because of all the trouble that was outside waiting for me. When I was 12 I got involved in what the streets had to offer.

We snatched purses and stuck up old ladies. My partners got convicted. I didn't. I was smart. My older brother O.D.'d (overdose of drugs).

Well, when I snatched my first purse, I was scared. I was shaking. It made me a track star. It gave me motivation to run track in school, so I started running track.

Gordon is now a senior and captain of the school's wrestling team.

There wasn't nothing else to take up my mind. No one gave me any attention. You go to a corporation to try to get something and they ignore you. They ignore young people.

The police serve and protect themselves. They're gonna harass everybody they can. Have you ever been put in a police line up and everybody looks at you, and you get picked out of the lineup? That's what life is all about.

It's a dog, doggy world.

I need help to become something I want in life. I want to be a neurosurgeon. First I need an athletic scholarship.

Gordon explained that he had just gone after some special help by calling Pamela Robinson, head of social services at the Urban League.

I want to go to the Olympic Training Camp in Colorado. I called the Urban League, and she said, "No problem." I didn't even go into her office. She got the money for me.

A street kid doesn't always have his dreams fulfilled. Some need motivation, like Gordy, who really wants to be a neurosurgeon. He went to the Urban League and Operation PUSH, to seek funding and scholarships. Or Tim, who wants to be a rock star and has begun taking lessons and begins starting his own rock group, and Ted who wants to become a famous baseball pitcher, who has been seeking scholarships and bringing up his batting average. Without motivation like Gordy's they may find themselves back on the streets.

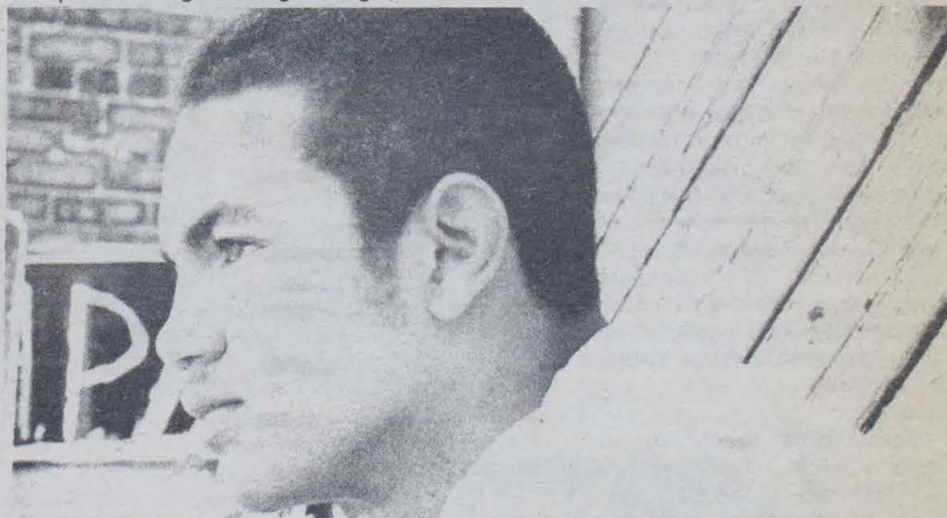


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Oh I want to be somebody!
Oh I want to be somebody!
Pasha Dunbar writes song

lyrics like this as a member of the Original Youth Theater. She enjoys being a part of a drama group as well as having the chance to write and perform her song lyrics.

The song "I Want to be Somebody" is one of ten created by the teen musicians who compose for the Original Youth Theater's production of "Search for Your Goals." The cast of Original Youth Theater is now performing in community centers throughout the city and suburbs.

Original Youth Theater is one of three communication projects for Chicago teens located at 207 S. Wabash in the Loop. They are all sponsored by Youth Communication.

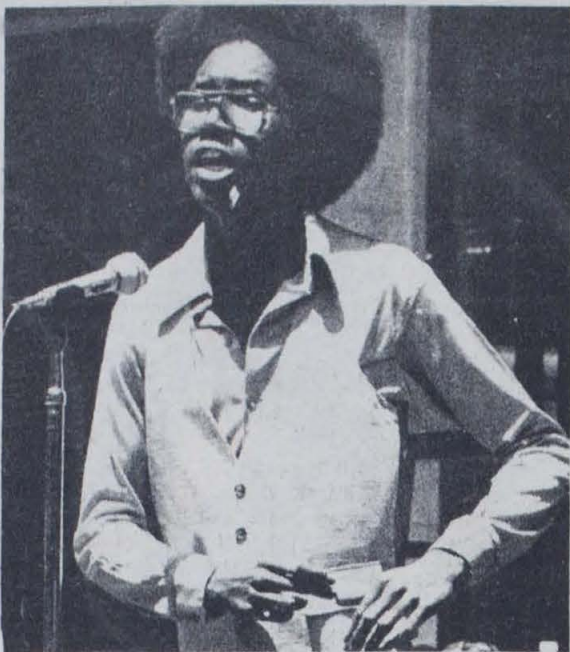
Original Youth Theater

The plays performed by OYT are written, composed, and choreographed by teens with the support of professional actors and musicians. The teens in OYT also manage bookings and design the staging.

Original Youth Theater meets and rehearses every Saturday afternoon from noon until 5 pm at the Youth Communication Center. Some teen members only compose and some only perform, but some work out their schedules so that they can do both.

Membership will require Saturdays and some evening hours, too. For more information about OYT call Youth Communication (663-0543) or

Phil Boyer, General Manager of Channel 7 previews Weekend Edition with Ella Britton, Kathleen Lynch and Kevin Thompson of the Youth TV Council.



come down on a Saturday afternoon.

Youth Television Council

The Youth Television Council was formed ten months ago by a group of teenagers who felt that television does not show teens as they really are. Television shows such as 'Welcome Back Kotter' and 'Good Times' depict teens as

clowns. Teens on these shows act like they are in a zoo. They felt 'James at 16' was the show that came closest to how teens really are.

In less than a year the Council has gotten station managers at local television stations to hold meetings with them on a regular basis. At the present time the Youth Television Council is in the

process of co-producing a segment of the show "Weekend Edition," which appears on Saturdays from 12:30pm-2pm. The segment reports on teen organizations and the positive sides of teenagers.

The Council also previews television shows with the station managers and gives them input on what will appeal to the teen audience.

Membership in the Youth Television Council requires time after school. All interested teens in the Chicago area are welcome to join. Call the Center and find out about the next meeting.

Publications

You are now reading the main publication of Youth Communication, **New Expression** magazine.

The **New Expression** reporters have had some unusual and exciting experiences. One reporter bribed a contact in order to locate a child porno film to get information that was vital to his story. Another reporter appeared in **Ebony** magazine as one of the ten young black women with a promising career. Because of this picture in **Ebony** a young man in Holland called and said he wanted to write for **New Expression**. It was later found out that the young man had a crush on the reporter after he saw her picture.

Not only the reporters gain professional experience at **New Expression**. The advertising staff receives a commission on the ads they sell for the paper.

This month they broke a record with \$1500 in sales. Some staff members handle the accounting and others manage circulation. The circulation staff manages to get **NE** delivered through hall guards, disciplinarians, vice principals, and plainclothes policemen.

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Any interested teen can join **New Expression** at any time. Come to the Youth Communication Center and ask for the managing editor, or call and ask when the next staff meeting is scheduled and plan on coming (663-0543).



Photos by James Dodson



You on go 'round once

This column has been designed for this issue. Because school always have information on up-to-date opportunities for special events and opportunities for special events this column will appear from time to time to keep you informed.

Be aware of the deadline for events that interests you—it's not very far off.

Congressional Internships in Washington
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See "Teen Notes," page 11.

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Open to all graduating seniors. The deadline for submitting applications is not available through the Office of Student Affairs. Association of Secondary Schools, 1100 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20190.

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40,000 jobs — frosting on the corn flakes?

by Paula Eubanks

More summer jobs for thousands of local teens!

Mike Royko called this promise a snow job. Some Chicago teens called it a publicity stunt at their expense. The state employment service called it a farce. And business leaders called it a program to make businessmen more conscious of teen unemployment.

On April 25 Mayor Bilandic sponsored Chicago's annual breakfast for over 60 corporate executives to "kick off" a campaign for local summer youth employment. At that breakfast, 40 thousand jobs for youth were pledged by the executives. Each year the mayor hosts this breakfast, and each year jobs are pledged by private business to match the CETA teen jobs made available by the government. (CETA is a program designed to employ economically disadvantaged people.)

Seemingly, these summer jobs are hard to find.

In August, *New Expression* surveyed 72 local companies about their hiring of teens this summer. Only one of the 72 companies, Goldblatt Bros. Co., was aware of the mayor's program and reported their number of youth openings to the mayor's office.

(See side box for detailed results of the survey.)

The Summer Jobs For Youth program instructed companies who needed assistance in filling youth openings to register with the Illinois State Employment Service. *New Expression* spoke to a state employee at the Illinois State Employment Service. He said the office had received

very few requests for teen workers and hasn't received any requests from employers who were cooperating with the Summer Jobs program.

Sam Bernstein of the Mayor's Office of Manpower said his office is only responsible for operating the CETA program. Bernstein is one man who goes to private business and asks if they will match the 40,000 CETA jobs with 40,000 jobs in private business. He doesn't know where teens would go if they wanted to apply for one of those jobs. "The companies report their openings to the committee running the program," he said.

New Expression tried to locate that committee. They sent a reporter to the Mayor's Office of Public Information within the Office of Manpower.

Reporter Rod Smith met with Mary T. Gorman to see if he could get a list of the committee members. Mrs. Gorman, assistant director of the Office of Public Information, said she'd try to find one, but was not able to.

Mrs. Gorman said it would be impossible to conduct an investigation to see if the businessmen's effort was sincere. "You couldn't know how many youngsters were hired," she said, "the businesses aren't going to advertise that they have 20 job openings, because, if they did, they'd wind up with 2,000 kids at their door."

While Mrs. Gorman was talking, a man Smith judged as her supervisor, walked into the room. Smith was not able to get any information from Mrs. Gorman in the man's presence.

The man told Smith the jobs were there. The man said his own niece and nephew had received jobs at a large company through the program.

Smith still could not get the names of the committeemen.

Peter Guck of Commonwealth Edison, who helps coordinate the 13 year-old Summer Jobs program, said private business reports its number of job openings to a committee of vice-chairmen.

He said the committee is composed of "very powerful, respected men" from nine fields.

Guck said the late Mayor Daley started the program when he asked the present honorary chairmen if private business was doing anything about youth unemployment. It was not. So, Morgan F. Murphy (former officer and director of Commonwealth Edison) and Tom J. Nayder (president of Chicago Building and Trade Council) started this yearly campaign and are now its honorary chairmen.

"I'm very happy with the results," said Guck. "The first year we had only 5,000 job pledges; now we've reached a plateau at 40,000. I'd like to see it go over that mark."

The purpose of the program is to give private businessmen the desire to hire more teens. Guck called this "peer-pressure." "When somebody you respect in your own field calls on you, you'll most likely agree to their wishes," he said, "but, it's strictly on a volunteer basis."

He attributes the "success" of the program to the businessman's increased awareness of how useful teens can be. "I feel that companies are

now planning to include teens in their summer employment program," Guck said.

When a group of teens from the Lakeview area tried to become employed in 40 of the 40,000 jobs, they said they got the run-around and could not find one of those jobs. Those teens work with the Youth Employment Service (YES). YES representatives feel the pledging of jobs was used as a publicity stunt.

On May 26 they wrote to Mayor Bilandic. That letter said the mayor and the executives were irresponsible when they pledged jobs to teenagers. YES representatives feel the executives pledged just to boost their own image.

The day after the teens wrote that letter, they protested outside the mayor's office, but were not able to see the mayor.

Mike Royko, a *Sun-Times* columnist, heard of YES's problem and said he found it hard to believe that executives would pledge 40,000 jobs to teens just to get TV exposure. He called the issue a snow job in a May column.

The accusations are bound to continue if business and industry don't keep a clear record of the responses to the pledges. Perhaps the executives came through, but nobody has come up with proven results, only good intentions.

How the jobs fell

Continental Insurance Co.—15 to 20 year olds; typists and filing clerks.

Harris Trust and Savings Bank—17 to 20 year olds; programming, general clerical.

Standard Oil Co.—150 teens, clerical, technical.

Tribune Co.—paper carriers; age 16, clerk and messenger 18 and over, any jobs.

Ceto Corp.—5 teens, light clerical.

Central Telephone—15 to 20 year olds; service assistant, director assistant, storage.

Chicago Bridge and Iron Co.—clerical.

Crane Packing—assembly line, warehouse.

Chicken Unlimited—16 years old and up.

Certified Grocers—warehouse work.

A.B. Dick—90 teens employed; majority in factory, office work.

General Foods Corp.—two teens; office work, anything that needs to be done.

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Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago—teens employed.

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Beating the clock

Edward puffed his cigarette leisurely—no hurrying today. We sat between the Art Institute's two lions on a sweltering summer day. He talked quite openly about his problem. Edward is a latecomer. He has trouble arriving anywhere on time.

"I think it must be hereditary or something 'cause my brother's always late," he began. (If that's true, then it must run in the best of families. My brother and I are latecomers too.) As he continued I developed a strong feeling of comradeship.

He told me he had no problem with tardiness in grade school. He lived across the street from school. His mother always got him up and off to class on time. His struggle with lateness began in high school.

For the first few weeks as a freshman, Edward was on time everyday. This was because he thought that his program started at 8 a.m., when it actually started at 8:40. Then he had some trouble with his program and ended up starting school at 9:34 (third period).

Of course, if Edward could get up later, then he might as well go to bed later. And the later he got to bed, well...

As a sophomore his first class (English) began at 7:45 a.m. He was equal to the situation. He got his English teacher to schedule him into a seventh period class instead. The change didn't help. He was still late for his second period typing class.

In junior year he was caught with U.S. History, a required class, at 8 a.m. He could have scheduled history for a later time but he was unwilling to stay in school after 12:30. So, he established a pattern of coming five or ten minutes late for that class. His teacher never yelled at him. At the end of the term his teacher stopped speaking to him.

Edward's job suited him—at first. "I could come in any time after school as long as I worked twelve hours a week." But then during the summer his supervisor required him to come in at 9 a.m. everyday. He always had trouble arriving on time. Something would always come up.

He had to pay the telephone bill. He had to babysit his nephew. He had to go to the laundromat and iron his shirt.

His boss reminded him daily of his tardiness, but he was never yelled at. Even when Edward was informed that

Growing Pains

By Elaine Takagi



his job was on the line, he persisted in arriving late.

He told me about his embarrassment whenever he arrived late. "Whenever I'm late I feel this shameful feeling growing inside of me."

I asked him why he did it if it made him feel so bad. He described himself as a lazy person. He talked of being overburdened and pressured. He volunteered to do specific assignments and meet deadlines besides. He spoke of headaches. He also got no help getting up from his family. Above all, he thinks "once a bad habit always a bad habit." Besides, he's never gotten into real trouble for his lateness.

I pulled out my personal calendar for the month of August and asked if

He always had trouble arriving on time. Something always came up.

keeping one would help him. It had helped me to remember things. He said he would try and keep one. I know from experience that it might help him and then again it might not make any difference.

Edward is trying to change. He knows it's a bad habit. He's made it a point not be late. He bought himself an alarm clock which he sets to 7:30 a.m. (This I really don't understand because he told me once that he was the type to ignore an alarm anyway). He's trying to program himself to get up early enough so that he won't be late for school. He is curbing his nighttime activities to be in bed early. I saw Edward the other day. He was late for work.

OUT THE BOX

by Eric Williams



A choice encounter

I was standing at the bus stop looking at a very strange man. He was trying to set himself on fire, but his Bic wouldn't flick. I figured he was upset, so I thought I'd try to talk to him.

"I bet you go to Whitney Young," I said to break the ice.

"I just graduated. How did you know?" He stopped long enough to give me a suspicious look.

"Well," I said, "you act like it."

"I've got problems." He flicked once more.

"I know," I chuckled. "You went to Whitney Young."

"Bigger than that!"

Now this shocked me. If this guy

had bigger problems than having gone to Whitney Young then I wanted to hear about it.

"Well," he began, "when I was young everything was all right. My Mommy told me what to do, what to eat, where to go and who to talk to. But it all changed when I went to high school. All of a sudden I had to decide everything. What classes to take, whether to take regular or honors, what to wear to school and all kinds of stuff like that!"

He was shivering all over. "But that's not all! Lunchtime was the worst of all! In the cafeterias I had so many things to choose from.... And

they all cause cancer! (He began to sob.) It was all terrible! They made you pick your own poison!" He fell to his knees and grabbed my leg. I was regretting that I had even spoken to this guy. But he went on.

"Then I began going out for lunch, and the choices got worse. I had to decide between Regular burgers, Jumbo burgers, Super burgers, Super Jumbo burgers, Maxi burgers, Whoppers, Choppers, Slopers, Quarter Pounders, Big Macs, Turkey burgers, Yumbos, and Fish burgers. I can't take it! (He fell over on his side and began to laugh hysterically.)

"Then I had to pick a college. There

were so many I thought I was going mad!" (I tended to agree.)

"Who cares about small eggs or large or medium or extra large grade A? Who cares about liter bottles of Seven-Up or economy packages of potato chips?"

"I tried to buy some cigarettes, but all I got was more choices, regular, menthol, filter, light, long, king size!" He stopped to catch his breath.

"You know I tried to kill myself, but I couldn't decide whether to use single or double edged razors or Track Two. But I was sure I wanted to be cremated so I went to ask about it today. Do you know what they asked?"

"No," I answered, as if he cared what I said.

"They asked me if I wanted Regular or Extra-Crispy." (He began to cry.) "Why me?" He gave his Bic another useless flick.

I was glad that the bus pulled up and we got on. I'll never forget the look on his face when the bus driver asked if we wanted regular or super transfers.

Tips on buying winter coats

Wear a goose to stop the hawk

During early September winter coats and jackets can be bought at bargain prices. A winter coat will be a good investment for years to come if you choose it correctly.

A good basic coat (one fourth or full length, classic cut with slit pockets, buttons, and a roll collar) is one that is neither sporty nor dressy but strikes a compromise between the two. A basic coat can be suitably worn over clothes on all occasions.

For students, parkas and ski jackets are practical and warm. When you're actually out shopping for a coat, look at: 1) the quality of the material, 2) the workmanship and 3) the fit.

Whatever the fiber, the fabric should have a firm weave to withstand wear. The fabric used for lining should be closely woven, not bulky; smooth so the garment will slip on and off easily. It should also be color-fast and resistant to effects of perspiration.

The better parkas and ski jackets have a goose down lining. Goose down is not the feathers of the goose, but a fluffy feather-like white substance under the goose's feathers. Goose down has always been popular with hunters but has just recently been introduced to the mass market. Goose down is lighter and will keep you comfortable in a wide range of temperatures, some ranging from zero to minus 50°F.

The lining of a coat should be in line with the outer garment seams. Neat, secure stitches are a must, and the hem must be invisible on the outside. Be sure the button holes fit buttons correctly.

Try on the coat with the type of clothing you intend to wear it with to make sure it fits neatly and comfortably.

Parkas and ski jackets now range from \$25 to about \$75 in department stores while full length coats go from \$80 on up.

by Paul Grant
and Felicia Willis



A winter coat will be a good investment for years to come if you choose correctly.

Briefs

—To keep a parka or ski jacket looking fluffy and feeling soft, wash it in the washing machine with a gym shoe.

—In a parka look for features such as:

- 1) inside drawstrings
- 2) a full zipper into the hood
- 3) lining in the hood
- 4) knit sleeve wristlets-to block out wind

—Before you buy a garment, walk, sit, and bend in it. These motions should be comfortable.

—Never wring out a sweater. Squeeze it gently, and wrap it in a terry cloth.

—Never tell a shoe salesperson your size. Have your feet measured each time you purchase shoes. Foot measurements change according to climate and time of day.

—Wieboldt's will have a fashion show viewing new looks in fall fashion for larger women on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 4th floor, State St. Junior and women sizes will be shown. The show usually lasts one half to an hour at 12:30. There is no admission price. On Oct. 25 the store will host a "Glamour Show."

—To clean suede, leather goods, plastic and spots on fabrics the following are products on the market:

Suede Cleaner—Meltonian, Esquire and Cavalier. Estimated price, \$1.95. For very dirty suede ask your shoe repairman for a small bottle of suede detergent and scrub well. Follow with water repellent spray.

Leather—The Tannery, Dye Balm, French and Cavalier Leather Balm. Estimated price, \$1.50-\$2.75.

Plastic—Dyo. Estimated price, \$1.50.

Fabric—Dyo and French. Estimated price, \$1.50.

These products can be bought at drug stores, department stores, and shoe shops.

Pistol-packing teens top "kill list"

The top killers in Chicago are teens. They shot and killed more people last year than any other age group.

More and more people, including teens, have easy access to hand guns. The result: death.

Guns are unpredictable. It's hard to tell if they're loaded. They might be in good working order one day; the next day they could be defective.

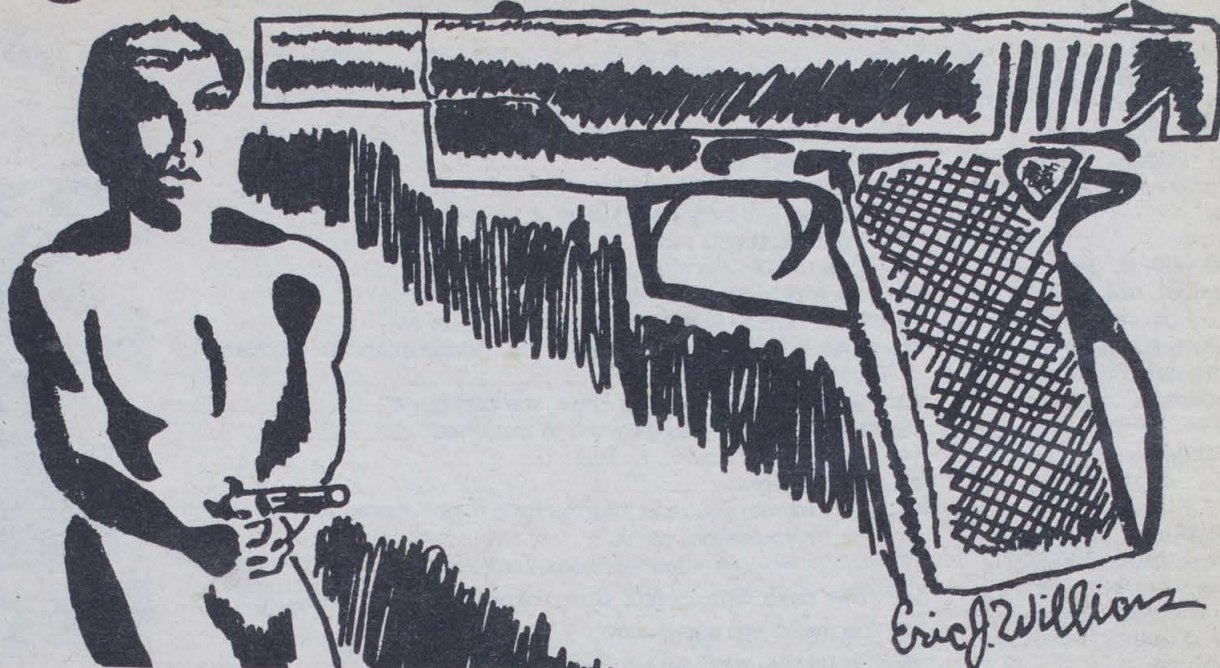
A few years ago, a teen gang member accidentally killed his best friend during gun practice. He went to jail, but the memories of that accident must be lasting punishment.

Last year in that same neighborhood, a teenager riding in a car with some friends started shooting at another teenager. But, instead, he killed a little girl who was nearby in front of her parents.

Probably the killer thought he had enough control of the gun to hit his target. Probably, too, he didn't know any better.

Maybe if these teens had known how uncontrollable guns are, they wouldn't have carried a gun. Maybe they would have looked for more controllable protection instead.

Death tales are not limited to city teens. A fifteen-year-old from Harwood Heights killed two of his classmates last April. With their deaths the "quiet" quality of the school exploded. Both students and school faculty



wouldn't believe what had happened that night after the dance.

In this case the killer was known to have a short fuse and a fascination with guns. What's worse is that at least three other teens at the dance knew he had a gun, but didn't report it.

New Expression believes that community-based education about guns is one answer to the problem.

Another answer might be a campaign against guns, like the one against smoking. That campaign has caused more and more people to

either stop smoking or has kept them from starting.

Right now, the pro-gun lobbies are spending money to make guns more acceptable. One of those lobbies had created the slogan "Guns don't kill people. People kill people."

That's false. Guns do kill people. Maybe people do pull the triggers, but guns make killing so easy. It is extremely difficult to just hurt someone with a gun because guns are made to kill. A gun's image should be one of death not protection.

Letters to the Editor

Cheer, Cheer for...

I would like to comment on a paragraph in the May issue concerning the Von Steuben cheerleaders. There are two sides to every argument or fight. If there was trouble, which I remember there was, then Von Steuben girls were no more to blame than the others. Lakeview had just as much say in it as Von did.

As a Von cheerleader, I remember getting hassles from almost every school we attended. We knew we were going to. I could tell some stories of pretty scary things that happened to myself and all of us during the seasons I cheered, but it's senseless. I learned to expect this sort of thing.

Rowdiness in the crowd can cause anything to happen. A jealous person, a sore loser or just someone filled with trouble and looking for some action—any of these can cause something to happen. I'm not saying it's right, but

excitement or anger can easily get the best of a person.

I'm not defending our Von girls, and I won't put down Lakeview. There was a hassle; we didn't get along. But to say we were the worst, to say we used foul language and beating up! I don't remember any physical violence or name-calling whatsoever.

With our cheerleading sponsor, the one thing she stressed most was courtesy to others. Even though they'd sometimes be super snotty, we had to be nice. We weren't always though. We were angered or mischievous at times and were sometimes trouble makers, just like any normal school.

I think there was an awful lot of exaggeration used here, and putting the blame all on one school isn't what I'd call FAIR PLAY.

Sincerely,
Jody A. Eichinger
(a V.S. Cheerleader)

Our suspicions confirmed

I just saw your Jan. '78 issue, and I'd like to know how I can be sent the paper. I direct a teenage pregnancy prevention project in Baltimore and agreed with everything you said in the article on the Teen Pregnancy Task Force. I was on the Task Force last July, and it was stacked with people more concerned with managing a pregnancy and caring for a girl already pregnant than it was with people who wanted to prevent the pregnancies in the first place.

Peter Scales, Ph.D.

More action!

You have a good paper, but I think you need an action line. There are a lot of teenagers around who need the kind of help that you can give them. An article such as this will not only boost the amount of mail you get, but it will encourage teens to read your paper more often.

Swelby Webb Jr.

Corrections

In the May issue an article was written entitled "On the run—broke, scared and alone." The Salvation Army New Life House was referred to in the article. We want to thank you for acknowledging our program in your magazine.

Since the article will be read by many youths who might seek to use our services, the following corrections should be noted: The name of our agency is the Salvation Army New Life House, located at 1025 W. Sunnyside and servicing girls between the ages of 13-17. It is the only strictly runaway shelter for girls in the Chicago area.

We're in the process of redeveloping programming to service boys and hope to be able to accommodate this change within a few months.

Gail Freeman
Administrative supervisor

Not pictured:

Joanne Orsi,
Kennedy High School:

Getting busted by the cops or getting pregnant before the age of 18.

Yolanda Reese,
Proviso East High School:

Being in a serious accident that would make me disabled or useless.

Kathy Tonissen,
Immaculate Heart of Mary High School:

If my husband dies, that would really be terrible. Or if my child dies. Getting pregnant while in high school also scares me.

Larry Mendenhall,
senior, Curie High School:

If I get senile when I get very old, that would probably be bad.

Ray Edomaites,
senior, Curie High School:

Not being able to finish college or not achieving the career I want.

Sherry Dawson,
junior, Tilden Tech High School:

I think the worst thing would be that people won't see that the world is changing. I don't want to be around a lot of closed-minded people.

Joni Norse, senior,
Oak Park-River Forest High School:

The worst thing that could happen to me would be to never have any money, to fail in school, or to never have happiness in my life.

Billy Dillard,
junior, Martin Luther King, Jr. High School:

It would be bad if I have to go to jail or if I lose my mother or a member of my family.

What could be the worst thing to happen in your life?



by Michael Glover
at Water Tower Place
Photos by Nona Paramore

Teen Teasers

During November Chicago will host its International Film Festival. Our puzzle this month challenges you to identify famous statements or slogans from movies and television programs.

Rules:

1. Send your answers on a piece of notebook paper. Do not send the puzzle, just the answers.

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3. People working at Youth Communication and their families can not participate.

Can you match the following list of famous slogans from movie and TV with their titles?

1. "May the force be with you."
2. "Hey, don't touch my hair!"
3. "Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water."
4. "We're not alone."
5. "I got chills multiplying."
6. "Behold, the only one greater than yourself."
7. "Well, what can I say!"
8. "Don't make me beg you, Mark."
9. "I'm just like the movement; it's all or nothing."
10. "Rock 'n Roll is here to stay. It will never die."
11. "I have been to the mountain top. I done seen the promised land."
12. "Go and get Rudy: You know, the bad guys."
13. "His whole life was a million to one shot."
14. "They're coming!"
15. "Kiss my grits."
16. "One minute you're in hospital for a minor operation. The next minute you're in a coma."
17. "We're being treated like dogs because we're Jews."
18. "She cries. She laughs. She makes love. She's lonely."
19. "Let me tell you a joke about my Uncle Herman."
20. "At least our kid ain't no Zebra."



Playing it off

by Marilyn Ruffin

I have a lot of friends who happen to be dudes. Because most of them are extremely handsome, people call me a

player or a whore. I know that most of the girls are just jealous, but with this reputation dudes are leary when it comes to dealing with me. I like having dudes as friends because they don't gossip like girls. What should I do? P.S. I have two best friends who are girls.

Name Withheld
Kenwood

It is easier for people to resort to stereotyping than it is for them to really meet and get to know another person. You, like so many others who create an image, such as the

class clown, the straight "A" student, the top-notched basketball player, etc., usually face a good case of stereotyping.

If you really want to break down the image, you have to give people a chance to know you. You have to force yourself into a position to become better acquainted with others—particularly girls. Join a school or neighborhood group, or better yet, volunteer to work with one of the most popular and respected girls in school on a class project. The impression

you make in these situations will make a lot of difference.

If you prefer the company of a male friend to that of a girl, more than likely your problem will continue to exist.

What do you do when one of your friends comes up to you when you're with (hopefully) your future boyfriend and introduces herself to him before you get to open your mouth?

Lala Junkins
Elizabeth Seton

Keep calm. Attention grabbers usually are rude and tend to go out of their way in

order to catch someone's eye. If you were offended by your friend's "abrupt" introduction of herself to your "future" boyfriend, try not to show your anger at that particular moment. It will only make you look insecure to both of them.

Later on, when you and your girlfriend are alone, confront her with your feelings. Simply tell her how you truly feel about the guy and that you felt she imposed. Maybe she has another side to the story you need to hear, one that will help you remain friends.

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Teen Notes

by Angela Offutt

Students Making History

For the first time Chicago-area high school students will be able to enter a history fair this year. The Chicago Metro History Fair will accept creative projects on family and community history for exhibition in May.

Oral history, photographs, videotapes, illustrated essays, bas-relief maps, music, drama and art are methods that can be used to create attractive and interesting history projects. Judging will be done by historians from Chicago-area colleges, high schools, libraries and historical societies. Prizes will be awarded.

Guidelines will be distributed to teachers and students at the beginning of the school year. For more information write or call: Arthur Anderson or David Ruchman, Co-Directors, Chicago Metro History Fair, 60 W. Walton, Chicago, Ill. 60610 or telephone: 943-9090.

Counseling Services

If you're in need of a realistic career counseling service and are willing to pay from \$110 to \$150 dollars, it's available at the Illinois Institute of Technology, 3300 S. Michigan. The institute's service measures a student's abilities, aptitudes, achievements, interests, preferences, values and psychological factors in order to advise him about a career.

A list of other career counseling services and their phone numbers can be found by checking the Yellow Pages of the telephone directory under "vocational guidance."

Fees for these services vary greatly. You may also check organizations in the **Directory of Counseling Services**, which is published by the International Association of Counseling Services and is available as a reference at many public libraries.

Marathon Madness

More than 10,000 runners are expected to participate in the second annual Mayor Daley Marathon, Sunday, Sept. 24 at 10:30 am. The 26.2 mile course begins at Daley Plaza, Dearborn and Washington, and ends at Buckingham Fountain.

Any male or female in good physical condition is eligible to register for an entry fee of \$10 that is non-refundable. Wendell Miller, a well known long distance runner, said that in order to prepare for the race a runner should train at least six weeks ahead. He should run 50 miles a week. Two days before the Marathon he should run at least 20 miles twice. A person cannot afford to be overweight. Conditioning of the legs is most important.

Pick up official, applications at Carson, Pirie, Scott. All mail entries must be in by Sept. 8, or dropped at a Carson's store by Sept. 16. One last registration will be held Saturday, Sept. 23 at Daley Plaza.

Driver's Ed. ;

Teen car insurance

by Ava Thompson
with Jesse Rooks

Last year rumors spread throughout the Chicago high schools that driver education would be canceled. Apparently, those rumors were unfounded.

According to Edward O'Farrell, coordinator of driver education programs for Chicago Public Schools, "Some interest groups have a vested interest in trying to get it [driver ed.] taken out of schools, particularly the laboratory phase. Most people feel that the classroom phase is necessary, but some groups feel that the behind-the-wheel lessons should be taught by other sources."

O'Farrell said that every year interest groups—namely some insurance companies—try to get legislators to consider dropping driver education, but that there are no plans to make changes in the present system.

Gary March, who is with the Driver Service department in Springfield, thinks that the rumors got started when a report was published by the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety. The report stated that driver education had negative effects—effects that allowed sixteen and seventeen year olds to receive licenses, when they normally wouldn't do so until eighteen.

March supports driver education. He believes that teens need knowledge, skill and preparation for later driving experiences.

Even though no changes are expected in driver education programs, there will be changes in automobile insurance rates for teens. Rates for teen insurance will rise this year.

Some local insurance companies will not insure anyone under age 21 or 25. Therefore, if teens under these ages wish to acquire insurance for their cars, the policy must come under a parent's name.

Other insurance companies will insure teens under 21 as long as they own the car they are driving and they have a valid driver's license. In these cases liability coverage is now running close to \$300 a year.

Males still lead the way in the number of accidents reported. And so male teen drivers can expect to pay as much as \$150 more a year for coverage than females do. A representative of the Lincoln Insurance Agency commented that "females are just more careful drivers."

Illinois Insurance Information estimates that three out of four teen males are involved in accidents while one out of five female teens are involved in accidents. But females seem to be catching up with their male counterparts as more of them are driving.

Statistics indicate that over one-third of all accidents in Illinois are caused by drivers under 25.

According to the Chicago Traffic Safety office many teens drive without insurance. Depending on the nature of the case, parents can be sued for damages done by their son or daughter.

There are those who justify driving without insurance saying the rates for teens are just too expensive. Jon Davidson, who drives occasionally with-

out insurance, admits, "I know it's a dangerous gamble, but so is life."

Christopher Meaders, who has had his license for about a month and plans to get insurance in the near future, said, "Driving without insurance is kinda dangerous. You might have an accident where you could lose your license and other things."

Sandra Glenn has been driving for about four months. She is insured. And her parents pay the bill. She feels, "Insurance is a basic essential. If I were to get in an accident, I would feel more secure in knowing I had some type of protection."

Parents adding their teen

son or daughter to their present policy can expect their rates to possibly double. Here again, the reason is because of the high accident rates among teens. Insurance companies just don't want to be at the losing end, so they raise rates.

Chicago traffic records show the following teen accident rates in 1977:

1,282—15 years and younger

1,417—16 years

4,469—17 years

There is \$10 spent on every teen who takes driver education in the classroom. Forty more dollars is on each person who decides to take the laboratory phase.

In 1977, \$297,500 was approved for the driver education fund. This year the budget has been cut to \$269,093. These appropriations were approved by Governor Thompson.

William Fritcher, of the Budget and Finance Section for Driver Education said that the reason for a decline in funds between 1977 and 1978 was based on declining high school enrollment. If enrollments start climbing, appropriations will follow, he said.

So as it now stands, sophomores can rest a little easier in knowing that driver education courses and laboratory phases are awaiting them.

New Expression wants sports writers

New Expression is now recruiting sports writers so that we can establish a good sports page. We need teens who want to work on investigative and feature sports stories throughout the school year.

We can't have a sports page without writers. A readership survey was taken in June, and 90 per cent of our readers said that they wanted a sports page.

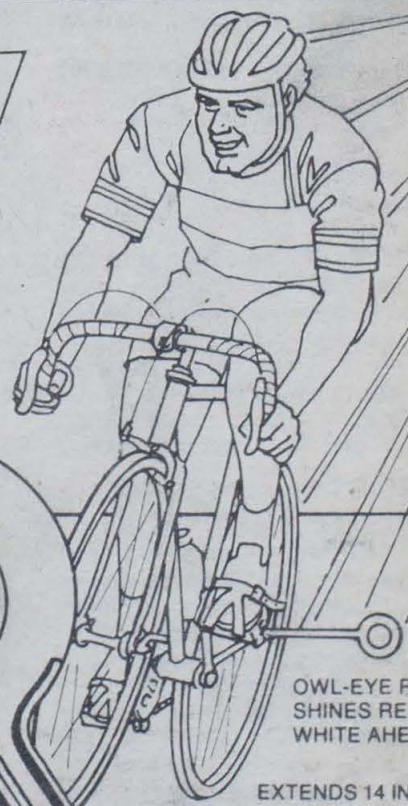
An attempt was made for the September issue to start a monthly column called "In Action." Our hopes are to find a high school team of the month worthy of that title.

If you're interested in sports writing for the page, call Rod Smith at New Expression, 663-0543.

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Teen Guide To

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MOVIES

Jaws II (*)**
Universal

"Jaws 2" lacks most of the seat-clinging suspense of "Jaws," but it is worth seeing.

Of course, the shark is the main character again. But this time the shark sequences are much more dramatic. Its movement in the water is less mechanical.

The pace of the action is fast, but the soundtrack carries the movement just as it did in "Jaws."

The story centers on a group of teens on an outing in tiny sailboats. None of their acting is outstanding, but some of their comments are memorable. At times, I felt the script was needlessly vulgar.

As long as movies don't go over the four dollar mark, a film with a stunning climax like this one is worth paying for.

The Buddy Holly Story (**)**
Produced by Columbia Pictures

"The Buddy Holly Story," as the title suggests, is a movie biography of Buddy Holly, an important figure in rock music in the 50's, both as a singer and a writer. Some of his hits were songs later recorded by Linda Ronstadt, such as "That'll Be the Day," and "It's So Easy (To Fall in Love)."

The movie follows his career from the time he formed a small, unknown singing group (who later became The Crickets) until his tragic death in a plane crash at the height of his career. Holly was only 22 years old when he died.

Gary Busey portrays Holly with a lot

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T-shirt lovers will enjoy a trip to the Shirt Works Shop. The first thing that will probably catch your eye is the 400 transfer designs on the walls. These designs are not the ones you see everyday but imaginative art. Of course, you can also choose such popular designs as "Charlie's Angels" and "Starsky and Hutch."

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of energy. His acting is very believable, especially as a singer whose genius gave him a kind of high when he created his own music.

The film moves from scene to scene with the effect of a light show. But the fast pace of the film becomes a weakness when it attempts to capture Holly's romance with Maria, who finally becomes his wife.

The movie is worth seeing for people who are into that period known as the "Fabulous Fifties" and the music it inspired.

MUSIC

Togetherness
Bobby Martin—AM Records

L.T.D.'s album is well worth the money. The album includes ten records which make up for each other. Even though "We Both Deserve Each Other's Love" is a slow number, I think it will appeal. "Concentrate on You" is another slow record with a good drum section.

"Jam," a lively number, sounds like something out of James at 16. "You Fooled Me," is an unappealing arrangement done in bubble-gum style.

"You Must Have Known I Needed Love" is the only Disco record. It made me want to dance.

"Together Forever" is the worst record on the album. It sounds thrown together. "It's Time To Be Real" seems to try for an affect that didn't work.

"Don't Stop Loving Me Now" may be the unexpected winner in the group. I had to listen to it a few times before I appreciated it.

"Let's Live Together" shows L.T.D.'s versatility. It best expresses the style of "Love, Togetherness and Devotion."

Up Coming Concerts

George Benson at the Auditorium, Sept. 22.

John Davidson at the Mill Run, Sept. 14 thru 24.

Richard Pryor at the Auditorium, Sept. 28 thru 29.

Patti Labelle at the Auditorium, Sept. 28 thru 29.

Steve Martin at the Amphitheater, Sept. 29.

B.B. King at the Park West, Oct. 4.

Heart at the Amphitheater, Nov. 21.

Beatlemania

60 E. Balbo

Beatlemania is a truly innovative way of presenting a musical. It combines four musicians who look like the Beatles plus lights, slides and film. The four musicians perform 29 songs live, taking us from the early '60's to their breakup in 1970.

The audience is able to see life as it was during the Beatle era, with the assassination of Martin Luther King and the two Kennedy brothers, the rise of drugs, hippies, demonstrations, the Manson murders, and the Vietnam War, all of this through a collection of more than 10,000 slides.

The changes within the Beatles themselves is clearly reflected in the script and music.

The costume changes between acts occur behind the large viewing screen. When the "Beatles" play a song, the screen becomes transparent so we view slides and see the "Beatles" inside the slide image.

I would recommend seeing "Beatlemania." It will be at the Blackstone Theater until Nov. 25.

Next month we will begin publishing a calendar of teen activities. If you know of any activities occurring between Oct. 5 and Nov. 15, just write us and we will publish them free of charge. Write us at the Center, 207 S. Wabash, Chicago, 60604.



GOOD TIMES

Pizza Pit
North Riverside Plaza

The beautiful brick wall entrance adds to the pleasure of eating at the "Pit." You'll find unique six-inch pizzas there that come in four varieties, ranging in price from 69 cents to 99 cents. Each pizza is placed on a moving wire conveyor that prepares it in about three minutes. So each pizza is piping hot.

The six-inch pizza is a nice buy for pizza-eaters who want to try "one of each" and still keep the price down. During the week the Pit is open until nine, Saturday till six and Sunday it closes at 5 o'clock. To get there take the Douglass-Milwaukee "L" ("B" train that goes west) to the last stop, Cicero-Berwyn. A bus stops right at the train will take you to the parking lot of North Riverside.

Rainbo Park
4836 N. Clark

Imagine skateboarding on a human pinball machine, or doing incredible stunts on a half circle which extends to the ceiling. Rainbo Park now allows athletes to make this imagination a reality.

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For super skaters the park offers membership at ten dollars a year. To be a member, a teen under 18 has to have parents' signatures to participate year round. Non-members have to pay a general admission of three dollars for the first two hours, and a dollar for every additional hour.

And, of course, skateboarders have to have safety equipment. The equipment can be rented for fifty cents for the three pieces. Skateboards can be rented for a dollar.

For skateboarders who love to get into competitions, the Rainbo offers contests in events such as the Firestone, which determines height, the skateball (the human pinball machine) which is determined by points, the high jump and a freestyle competition.

New Expression Recommends

Old Chicago (***)
Marina City (***)
Foxy Wheels (****)
The Loop (***)
The Rubus (****)
Dingbats (****)
Doctor Jazz (****)
Lawrence of Oregon (****)
My Pie (****)
The Magic Pan (****)
Sally's Stage (****)

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TELEVISION

The new television season opens next week when the networks unveil their fall lineup. We've had a sneak preview of what they are offering. We reviewed some of the new shows.

Channel 2

"In the Beginning," Wed., 7:30 pm

If you like SOAP, you may like "In the Beginning." It's a comedy set in the inner city mission with Father Charles (McLean Stevenson) and Sister Angela (Pricilla Lopez). The laugh track seems to be taped before the show, and some of the intended jokes are not funny. The characters are stereotyped, and the dialogue is predictable.

"People," Mon., 7:30 pm

People Magazine comes to television, packed with glitter, glamour and stars. The episode I viewed was an inside look at New York's Studio 54 while Liza Minelli's birthday party was being held. It discussed Elizabeth Taylor's six husbands. Another report dealt with a Dolly Parton look-alike contest. "People" promises to have more interesting celebrity profiles in future shows.

Channel 5

"Waverly Wonders," Wed., 7 pm

The theme song of the show is "You're Getting to Me," and the show will get to you. Some of the one-liners in the show will make you laugh out loud.

The series is a lot like the movie "Bad News Bears." These high school basketball players are also misfits. They have one girl on the team, and she's the best player. The show's main character is Harry Casey (Joey Namath), who is their coach. Namath is almost as good an actor as he was a football player.

"Capra," Sundays, 9-10 p.m.

This new "whodunit" is similar in some ways to the now defunct "The Queen." Each episode opens with a homicide followed by flashbacks of how the murder was committed. At that point on the viewer has a good chance to pick up on the clues and solve the mystery along with Capra. Capra (Vincent Bagetta) is a young lawyer rather than a detective. He has a humorous, underhanded way of dealing with suspects that makes him more entertaining than Ellery Queen or Barnaby Jones.